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## For High School Seniors, It's Already Crunch Time for College Applications

Thanks to Indiana's e-transcript, students can now send their transcripts nationwide in a matter of minutes.

This may be the month of peppermints, caroling and mistletoe, but it also marks another important occasion: crunch time for Indiana high school seniors to get their college applications completed and sent.

With universities filling up faster, students and families may feel that this process has become more stressful than ever. Consider these priority deadlines:

- University of Notre Dame December 31, 2007 (final)
- Indiana University February 1, 2008
- **Butler University** February 1, 2008
- Purdue University March 1, 2008
- Ball State University March 1, 2008

Additionally, this year the state has simplified the college application process with an electronic program called "Indiana e-Transcript" with student log-in availability from home. Indiana e-Transcript allows all Hoosier students and their families to quickly send off transcripts electronically to the college of their choice, nationwide -- and at no cost.

Students can make their transcript requests online anytime and also receive automated notifications when their request is received, approved by their school, and delivered. This process helps remove the anxiety of wondering if it got there.

To send a transcript using Indiana's e-Transcript, students need only look for the Indiana e-Transcript logo on their school's website, click and fill out the appropriate information. Transcripts will be delivered either as a print document or electronically to the college of their choice depending on the college's preference. This free service is provided to Indiana students and families by ISM Education Loans in partnership with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Indiana Department of Education. For more information on e-Transcript, visit www.learnmoreindiana.org/e-transcript.

Applying to college and sending over high school transcripts are only part of the college preparation process. Seniors should check with their high school counseling office to make sure there are no additional requirements. High school juniors and seniors can connect with Learn More Indiana, the state's college and career connection, for the steps it takes to get to college.

www.learnmoreindiana.org connects Hoosiers to everything they need to know about getting to and succeeding in college including up-to-date checklists and career interest inventory tools. The 1-800-992-2076 helpline provides college and career information 24/7/365, including information on paying for college and applying for financial aid.

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